GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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POWERS TO NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SC/STS
SANJAY PASWAN

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide additional constitutional powers to the Nationalcommission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to make it more effective;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the details of the achievements made by the existing commission;

(d) whether the Government are not bound to accept the recommendations made by the said commission; and

(e) if so, the details of the recommendations made by this commission which have not been accepted by the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a),(b) & (c) The National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has been set up, asper provision under Article 338 of the Constitution, with specific duties and powers as indicated under clauses (5) & (8). The National commission has submitted six annual reports and four special reports so far, of which three special reports relate to States. These reports have been processed and four annual reports and one special report have been laid in the Parliament as per provision under clause (6) of Article 338 of the Constitution. The Commission has held reviewmeetings with the State/UT Governments, and with Ministries/Departments of Central Governments. Besides the Commission had also held review meetings with a number of CentralPSUs, Banks,Autonomous Bodies and Institutions.

(d) & (e) As per provision under clause (6) of Article 338 of the Constitution, reports submitted by the Commission are laid before each House of Parliament with a memorandum explaining the action taken or proposed to be taken on the recommendations relating to the Union and the reasons for the non-acceptance if any. As per clause (7) of the said Article, where any such report or any part thereof, relates to any matter with which any State Government is concerned, the report is sent to the Governor of the State, for laying it before the legislature of the State along with a memorandum explaining the action taken or proposed to be taken on the recommendations relating to the State and the reasons for the non-acceptance, if any, of any of the recommendations. Government is not bound to accept the recommendations. Details of action taken on each recommendation has been indicated in the four annual reports and one special report laid in the Parliament. Action on the recommendations in the two other reports is under process.